of its name from the list of weak bank but Reserve Bank of India has not agreed to the deletion, as, in its view the bank did not satisfy the norms for deletion.

Supply of sugar to Bangladesh

2298. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to supply sugar on loan basis to Bangladesh; and

(b) if so, what is the quantity of sugar to be given on loan to Bangladesh and what are other terms of the agreement in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) and (b) A proposal was received from Bangladesh for diversion on replacement basis of one or two shiploads amounting to 12,000 tonnes—24000 tonnes of sugar to meet their immediate requirements. Since no agreement could be reached between STC and Bangladesh authorities on commercial terms of such a transaction, the deal could not be finalised.

Constructions of a Zinc Smelter at Agucha, Bhilwara District of Rajasthan

2299. SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Rajasthan has entered into an understanding with M|s. Bukhatir Investment Limited, Sharjah for the construction of a Zinc Smelter at Agucha in Bhilwara District of Rajasthan;

(b) if so, what are the terms of the agreement; and

(c) whether the public sector companies are not competent to take up this project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES (SHRIMATI RAMDULARI SINHA): (a) to (c) An application for 'Letter of Intent'] Licence under the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act, 1951, has been received from the Rajasthan State Industrial Development and Investment Corporation Ltd. (RIICO) for setting up a new industrial undertaking for manufacture of zinc and lead metals based on the Rampura-Agucha Lead-Zinc deposit in Rajasthan. The proposal envisages technical collaboration with the Lurgi-Davy Consortium of West Germany|UK and financial participation of Bukhatir Investments Ltd., Sharjah, upto 40 per cent in the equity capital of the new Company. The Rampura-Agucha Lead-Zinc deposits are covered by mining lease held by the Hindustan Zinc Limited, Udaipur, a Central Government Public Sector Undertaking. The proposals of this Company for a lead-zinc smelter based on this deposit are already under advanced stage of consideration.

Sponsoring of qualified candidates for PGT and TGT

2300. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that qualified candidates for PGT and TGT are sponsored for interview irrespective of their year of registration with Employment Exchange for Delhi Administration Schools;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of qualified candidates sponsored by the Delhi Employment Exchange during the last three years, year-wise, for the posts of PGT and TGT grades under science and general categories and what was their year of registration;

(d) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to sponsor qualified candidates for Delhi Administration School vacancies on the basis of year of registration; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?